

REMARKS

To further the prosecution of this Application, the Applicant submits the above claim amendments and the following remarks. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, and 16-21 were pending in the application. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error and claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, and 16-20 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments and the Applicant has not raised any new issues that would require further searching and consideration.

Conclusion

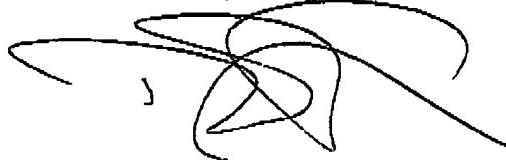
In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is patentable. The Applicant therefore kindly requests consideration of all claims in light of the above remarks and allowance thereof.

The Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141449.

The Examiner is also kindly requested to contact the undersigned if such would expedite examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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